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Georgia Drought Declared Officially Over Odd/Even Watering Restrictions Still Apply

There is good news on the waterfront for Georgia residents. On Wednesday, June 10, 2009 Georgia officials declared the drought finally over by lifting the statewide watering ban.

Georgians will once again be able to water their lawns and wash their cars on an odd-even basis with no time-of-day restrictions. However, for maximum water efficiency,

landscape watering should not occur between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Residents of homes with even-numbered addresses have outdoor water privileges on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Those living in homes with odd-numbered addresses have privileges on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. Watering on Friday for all residents is still banned.

For more information, please visit www.mariettapowerandwater.com. ⚡



Non-Drought

	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
All Hours	Even	Odd	Even	Odd	No	Even	Odd



Checking for Outdoor Water Leaks is Essential for Comprehensive Water Conservation Efforts

Although drought restrictions have eased, water conservation continues to be a second-nature practice for area residents. And while many of the more common water conservation habits are pretty much ingrained in us at this point, checking for outdoor leaks is often overlooked as part of routine water conservation efforts.

A good starting point in determining if there is a leak at your home is with the water meter. First, make sure no water is being used inside or outside of your home. Next, carefully remove the cover from your water meter box and lift the top of the meter. Locate the leak detector (the small triangle on the meter dial) and if it is rotating, you may have a leak. With leaks wasting potentially thousands of gallons of water in only a few days, promptly correcting the problem is crucial.

Some of the common culprits include hose spigots. Simply tightening the packing nut, located just under the handle, is often all that is necessary to stop the dripping.

Other problem areas are irrigation systems. Check for cuts or nicks in hoses regularly. Also make sure emitters on drip irrigation systems and drip pores in soaker hoses are not clogged. Sediment can often collect inside the hoses, obstructing the flow of water. Flushing out the hoses once or twice a year is recommended.

If you will be away for a long period of time, it's best to turn the water off at the shut-off valve in the event that a leak develops during your absence.

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Get Paid to Upgrade with Marietta Power and Water's Toilet Rebate Program and Free Water Conservation Kit

Water conservation around the home can be accomplished by using a number of methods. However, there aren't many methods in which you get paid. Marietta Power and Water is offering you an opportunity to make money for upgrading your toilets. Through Marietta Power and Water's toilet rebate program, customers in homes built before 1993 are encouraged to retrofit older, high-flow toilets with new low-flow technology. The program offers two rebate options for toilets purchased from an approved list.

The first option is a \$50 rebate for the purchase of any 1.6 gallons per flush toilet. The second program option is a \$100 rebate for high efficiency toilets that use 1.28 gallons per flush and have the WaterSense certification — the EPA's labeling program for water efficiency.

Customers can receive the rebate by submitting the original receipt for an approved toilet along with an application to the Marietta Power and Water marketing office. Program participants are eligible to receive rebates for up to three toilets per home. To review the approved

list of toilets or download an application, visit www.mariettapowerandwater.com. The list is updated periodically.

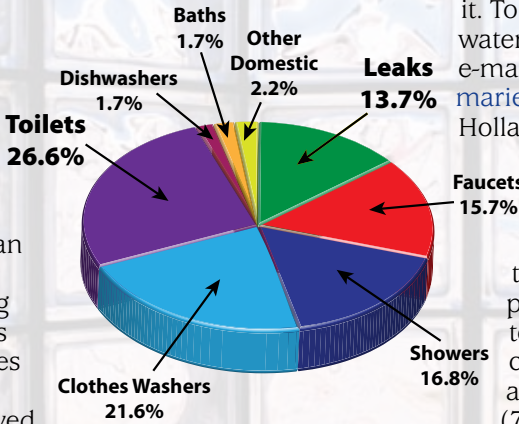
To help save even more water in the bathroom, Marietta Power and Water is offering free water conservation kits. Each kit contains one easy-to-install low-flow showerhead, two sink faucet aerators, and one flow meter bag that is used to determine the current amount of water your shower or aerators use.

The kit also contains two leak detection tablets for your toilets. By placing one tablet in the tank, you'll know within 15 minutes if you have a leak — you could be leaking gallons a day without even knowing it. To request your free water conservation kit, e-mail waterconservation@mariettaga.gov or call Kim Holland at Marietta Power and Water at (770) 794-5227.

For more information about the toilet rebate program or other ways to conserve water, call Marietta Power and Water at (770) 794-5150. ⚡



Typical Indoor Water Use



Calendar of Events

August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

Marietta Square Farmers Market

9 a.m. to noon

Glover Park in Marietta Square

The market takes place along North Park Square on the Historic Marietta Square every Saturday featuring Georgia products, including fresh vegetables, fruits, herbs, plants, flowers, honey, breads, garlic, cheese and more.

North Park Square and a portion of Mill Street will be closed from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday mornings for the market.

For more information, call (770) 499-9393.

Friday, August 7

First Fridays Art Walk

5 to 8 p.m.

Glover Park in Marietta Square Admission is free.

Along with more than 30 merchants hosting artists in their stores, this year's Art Walk will feature Artists' Alley, an intimate exhibit of juried artist.

Art Walk maps are available at each participating merchant and at the Marietta Welcome Center & Visitors Bureau and online at www.artwalkmarietta.com.

For more information about the free shuttle call the Historic Marietta Trolley Company at (770) 425-1006.

For more information about First Fridays and the Art Walk, call (770) 429-1115.

Friday, August 28

Glover Park Concert Series

8 to 10 p.m.

Glover Park in Marietta Square

The park is the perfect setting for families and friends to enjoy a picnic and listen to music under the stars. The concerts are part of Marietta's yearlong 175th anniversary celebration. Playing: The Mustangs – Pop/Oldies

For more information call (770) 794-5601.

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